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(*b*) whether the municipality divided the land into numerous house-sites and sold them to prospective builders of houses, and if so, the number of sites sold during each of the years since the grant of the plot, the amounts for which they were sold, and the sums actually collected during each year up to date?

A.—A report [a] on the subject received from the Chairman, Municipal Council, Nandyal, is placed on the table.

Action taken on the memorandum from the Indian Roads and Transport Development Association, etc.

* 33 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a copy of the memorandum presented to him by the Indian Roads and Transport Development Association and several other associations on 21st March 1932 will be placed on the table of the House; and

(*b*) whether the matter has been considered by the Government and any steps taken to help 'bus trade in this Presidency'?

A.—(*a*) A copy [b] is placed on the table.
(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know when the Government expect to arrive at a decision in regard to this matter?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"As the House knows a Committee was appointed to consider the question of bus licence fees and that Committee has appointed a Sub-Committee to go into the question. We are awaiting its report."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—"Has the Advisory Committee of the Local Self-Government made any recommendation in this matter?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"They are awaiting the report of that Sub-Committee."

Medical Administration

Appointment of L.I.M.'s to dispensaries under the local bodies.

* 34. *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the steps the Government have taken to ensure the appointment of qualified L.I.M.'s to dispensaries under the control of local bodies in preference to unqualified practitioners; and

(*b*) whether any, and if so, how many local bodies have contravened such instructions, if any, issued by the Government and the action taken by them to enforce compliance with those instructions?

[a] Printed as Appendix III-A on page 107 infra.
[b] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 108—114 infra.

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Government have permitted local boards to appoint, wherever they choose to do so, Licentiates in Indian Medicine of the Government Indian Medical School, Madras, to be in charge of rural dispensaries subsidised by Government. No orders have however been passed by Government compelling local bodies to appoint L.I.M.'s in dispensaries, the expenditure of which is wholly met by them. No local body has contravened the instruction regarding the appointment of L.I.M.'s to subsidised rural dispensaries. The question of registering practitioners of Indian Medicine and prohibiting the appointment of practitioners, who are not registered, as medical officers in any institution of Indian Medicine maintained or aided by the State or local bodies or both is under the consideration of Government.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Districts without temple committee.

* 35 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state the districts which at present have no temple committees working in them and the periods they have been without such committees respectively?

A.—A statement [a] is appended showing the districts in which temple committees are not functioning at present and the dates on which the terms of the committees which were functioning previously expired. No temple committee has been constituted for the Malabar district until now.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—" Practically the whole Presidency is without any temple committees. How is the work being carried on? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—" I am afraid I am not responsible for that. The hon. Member is aware that, when he was Minister, these committees went on functioning through nomination. Subsequently I had to consult the Advocate-General, in view of a doubt thrown upon that by the High Court of Madras and the Advocate-General gave his opinion that we could not constitute a committee filling it by nomination. Under another Act passed by this House, the Board has power to look after committee temples also. Proposals to constitute committees otherwise than by a direct electorate are now under consideration."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—" How long has the hon. Minister been in charge? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—" I may state the proceeding that was started by the previous Minister was continued by me, and the Advocate-General advised me that we had no power in that matter."

[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 114–115 infra.